

CITY OF VALDEZ
ORDINANCE NO. 24-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA
AMENDING CHAPTER 10.12 OF THE VALDEZ CITY CODE TITLED PARKING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, that:

Section 1. Chapter 10.12, Section 10.12.040 (D) of the Valdez Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 10.12

PARKING

Sections:

- 10.12.010 Parking prohibited on certain streets during certain hours when school in session.
- 10.12.020 Parking prohibited.
- 10.12.025 Seasonal parking.
- 10.12.030 Temporary prohibitions.
- 10.12.040 Penalty and impoundment.

10.12.010 Parking prohibited on certain streets during certain hours when school in session.

The cul-de-sac area on East Lowe Street extending from the east property line of Lot 1, Block 12, to the east property line of Lot 9, Block 10, is declared to be a no-parking zone for all vehicles except school buses between the hours of seven a.m. and five p.m. on any day when school is in session. (Prior code § 15-8)

10.12.020 Parking prohibited.

No person may park or cause a motor vehicle to be parked, and no motor vehicle may be parked, as follows:

A. On any of the following streets or highways:

1. Meals Avenue from Fidalgo to Robe River Drive, except for the wider parking location on the east side of the street directly in front of the Alaska State Court House,
2. Hazelet Avenue from City Dock to Hanagita,
3. On the north side of Pioneer Drive from Meals Avenue to Tatitlek Avenue;

- B. On any street, highway, public way or city-owned parking lot for a period of time longer than twenty-four hours, without special permission of the chief of police;
- C. In a private area which is adjacent to a commercial establishment, owned or controlled by another person, in violation of any limitations on parking which have been set, if the area is signed or posted in a manner setting forth the limitations;
- D. In a private area which is not adjacent to a commercial area, owned or controlled by another person, without the express permission of that person;
- E. At any place or in any position on public or private property, which would block the way of ingress or egress of a motor vehicle to a private area owned or controlled by another person, or which would prevent another from moving a motor vehicle;
- F. In any other area where parking has been permanently or temporarily restricted by the city;
- G. Any place where the curb has been painted red designates a no parking area. (Ord. 99-07 §§ 1, 2; prior code § 15-9)

10.12.025 Seasonal parking

The hourly parking along North Harbor Drive shall be effective from May 1st through September 30th each year. (Ord. 99-07 § 3)

10.12.030 Temporary prohibitions.

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no person may park or cause a motor vehicle to be parked, and no motor vehicle may be parked, on any street in the city upon which snow removal is undertaken by or on behalf of the city from the time that snow removal operations on the street appear to be necessary until the time that the snow removal operations on the street are completed.
- B. The chief of police, or other persons designated by the city manager, is authorized to determine and designate by proper signs, places in which the stopping, standing or parking of a motor vehicle is restricted or prohibited because of traffic conditions, construction, accidents, parades, special events or other purposes deemed by the city to warrant temporary prohibitions on parking, stopping or standing. No person may park, stop or stand a motor vehicle, and no motor vehicle may be parked or stopped, in any area so designated.
- C. No person may fail or refuse to immediately move his vehicle when requested to do so by a city police officer or any city employee or contractor engaged in any activity which would be hindered or obstructed in any manner if the vehicle were to remain in the place it occupied at the time the request was made. Upon request, the owner or operator of the vehicle shall move it to a location which does not interfere with the activity which was being hindered or obstructed.
- D. Failure to move the vehicle upon request is a separate offense from allowing that vehicle to be parked or stopped in a prohibited area. It is not necessary that a request be made to move the vehicle before the sanctions set forth in Section 10.12.040 may be imposed. (Prior code § 15-10)

10.12.040 Penalty and impoundment.

A. Any vehicle in violation of Section 10.12.020 or 10.12.030 may be impounded by the city, or issued a traffic citation, or both.

B. A vehicle will be impounded from private property only upon the written request of the person who owns or controls the property. Before the vehicle is impounded, the city may require the person requesting the impoundment to sign a statement of ownership or control of the private property involved, and an agreement holding the city harmless for any injury, loss or damage arising from the impoundment.

C. If the vehicle is impounded from either public or private property, this impoundment is done without liability on the part of the city for any damage which may be done to it or its contents. The vehicle shall not be returned to the owner or operator thereof until any impound fees, and any storage or other charges which may have accrued, have been paid.

D. If the vehicle is cited, the penalty for the violation of this ordinance is ~~two-hundred~~ twenty dollars.

E. If the vehicle is both impounded and cited, all impound and citation fees, and other charges, must be paid prior to the return of the vehicle to the owner or operator. (Prior code § 15-11)

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Valdez City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jake Staser, City Attorney
Brena, Bell, & Walker, P.C

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Adoption:
Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain: